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Docket No. 14591.10

In re application of

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TRANSMITTAL FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
AND AMENDMENT "D"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "D" and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for entry in the above-identified application.

\* Admitted only in California  
† Admitted only in New York

**A. Amendment "D" Materials**

X To render the transmitted Amendment "D" timely filed, enclosed are the following:

X Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time; and

X Credit Card Payment Form-2038 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time.

X A Certificate of Express Mail Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

**B. Additional Materials Required for Request for Continued Examination:**

X Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal.

X Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the filing fee for Request for Continued Examination.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

X A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Dated this 5 day of May, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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- Transmittal Letter (2 pages) (in duplicate)
- Amendment D (11 pages)
- Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (1 page) (in duplicate)
- Petition for One-Month Extension (2 pages) (in duplicate)
- Form PTO-2038 – Credit Card Form in the amount of \$440.00 (\$385 for RCE and \$55 for One-Month Extension (1 page)
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Respectfully submitted,

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